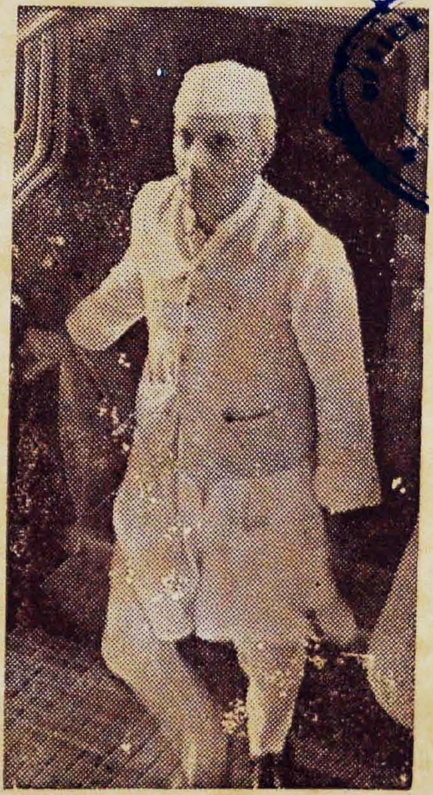
THE
BHARAT SCOUTS & GUIDES BULLET

SIXTY SIX YEARS YOUNG

Our Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru is 66 years young.



We wish him many happy useful returns of the Birthday (14th Nov.)

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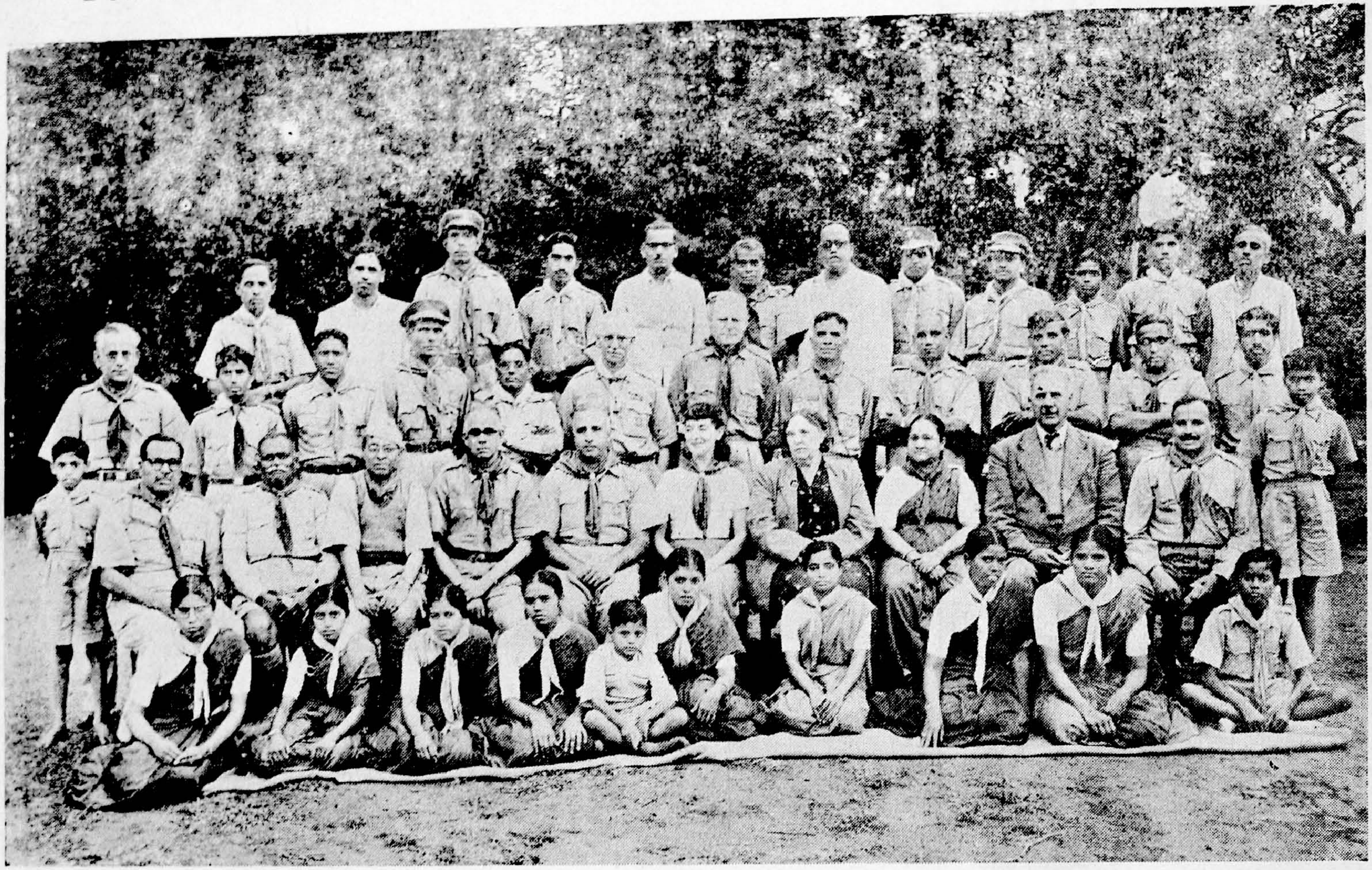
Fourth Conference of Commissioners and Secretaries of Western Division



Stanley Park, Coonoor—22nd & 23rd October

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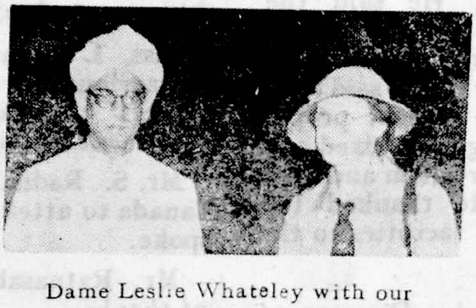
DAME LESLIE WHATELEY O.B.E.

WE extend a very hearty welcome to Dame Leslie Whateley, World Director, World Bureau, World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts to our State. She is not new to Madras, as the Director of Girl Scouts and Guides, this is her second visit to our place. We have fixed up a busy programme for her during her stay of four days. She arrives on the 26th inst. at 5-10 P.M. and leaves on the 1st of December at 7 A.M. During this period, all too short, she will visit groups both Scouts and Guides, attend Rallies, meet Officers of both the sections and attend a meeting of the State Executive Committee. Besides she visits Mahabalipuram, Pondicherry and Chingleput. She will also inaugurate a Scout Group for the Blind at Poonamallee.



Dame Leslie Whateley with our State Chief Commissioner

Dame Leslie who took up her new Office in 1951 has had considerable experience in the Auxiliary Territorial Service of Great Britain as its Director and for the great services she had rendered. in that capacity she was made a DAME of the British Empire. "She has a gift for seeing through other people's eyes, no matter to what race or religion they belong, and consequently has real sympathy for everybody's problems. She believes that Guiding is meant to be fun; fun for the children and fun for the grown ups too' and in B.P.'s dictum, "Laugh while you work" That is how she is a great Director.

We wish her a very happy and useful time at Madras.

OUR BULLETIN

Elsewhere we publish some letters received from friends both men and women expressing their appreciation of our Bulletin and how they enjoyed reading it. Our policy has been to record the activities of our Movement in the State, whether it is relating to groups in villages, Local and District Associations and the State as well as something of importance, national and international. At a glance one can know what is happening in the Movement at the time, Proving both informative and instructive ;

This is not exclusively a boy's paper, or that of grown-ups and elders. Being a youth Organisation and guided by elders we have to combine both and always present the view point of our Movement, the Bharat Scouts and Guides. We would like to invite criticisms and suggestions of a constructive nature so that we can increase the usefulness of our Bulletin, we hope every group will take a copy if not more than one copy. The subscription is Rs. 2/- per year and the Bulletin is approved by the Director of Public Instruction for use in Schools

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NATIONAL SCOUT WEEK

The National Scout and Guide Week was inaugurated by Mr. K. Venkataswami Naidu, State Chief Commissioner, at Wenlock Park, Triplicane, on 1-11-55.

Mr. V. S. Ratnasabhapathy, State Secretary of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, said that the object of celebrating the week was to focus the attention of the public on the value of scout movement. He said the Government were willing to treat teachers who had been on scout work, specially for training purpose, as on duty. He said that the Government had agreed to their proposal to have three camping sites fixed and equipped at Coonoor, Courtallam and another one near Madras. He thanked the Government for giving all facilities to the movement,

Mr. N. D. Sundaravadivelu Director of Public Instruction, said that the scout week helped to explain the activities undertaken by the Scouts and Guides. He advised the Scouts and Guides to be disciplined and help others. He said that his was the only organisation through which people could serve the country.

Srimathi N. Walawaker, Headquarters Commissioner (Guides) said that youth had to play a great role in building up the nation. She advised them to do one good thing every day.

Miss. L Vedanayakam, who had been to Switzerland to attend the conference of rangers' training. referred to the scout movement in Switzerland,

Mr. S. Radhakrishnan, who had been to Canada to attend the world Jamboree, also spoke.

Mr. Ratnasabhapathy, proposed a vote of thanks.

THE HINDU

FOURTH CONFERENCE OF COMMISSIONERS AND SECRETARIES· WESTERN DIVISION

A very successful Conference of workers in the Western Division was held at Stanley Park Coonoor on 22nd and 23rd October 1955 and the delegates paid a visit to Craigmore Estate in Kullakomby as the guests of Mrs and Mr. R. E Mac Laine Clarke. A full report of the Conference proceedings will we published in the next issue of our Bulletin.

OUR BULLETIN, APPRECIATION FROM FAR AND NEAR

POST BOX 127,
REGAL BUILDINGS, PARLIAMENT STREET,
NEW DELHI (1) India.
TARA DEVI
Dated Jan 26, 1955

DEAR SHRI RATNASABHAPATHY,

It was a treat to read through the January number of your Bulletin—particularly your short and sweet report on the All India Scout Training Commissioners Conference. Pachmarhi and your reproduction of the criticism of uniform from the Scouter and above all your Editorial.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd) HARDIAL SINGH
National Camp Chief.

TKATAN PANDU INDONESIA (IPINDO) TJABANG SURABAJA

MR. VAN DER VEER WRITES :

DEAR BROTHER SCOUT,

" I enjoyed reading your Bulletin. It gave me a comprehensive view of Scouting, Local, National and International—Very instructive and full of interest "

Will you please be so kind and send a copy of the Scout Paper (The Bharat Scouts and Guides Bulletin), in which there is the report about the Rural Scout work, to the Chief Commissioner of the Boy Scouts of Indonesia.

Mr. SOEMAROJO
Taman Blavatzky 5, Medan Merdeka Barat if
Djakarta

I have sent him a note about my visit and about the Rural Scout Work, and told him that I requested you to send him the paper, so he is expecting it.

Thanks and Scouts greetings,

Yours,
(Sd.) F. J. VAN DER VEER

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Mr. Van Der Veer was the Chief Scout Commissioner, Indonesia and Mrs. Van Der Veer the Chief Commissioner for Girl Scouts.
Editor.

Flat No. 7,
54, Chowringhee, Calcutta-16
31st August

DEAR MR. RATNASABHAPATHY,

" I thank you very much for so kindly sending me The Madras State Bulletin of the Bharat Scouts and Guides which I thoroughly enjoy reading ".

ANNE BASIL
Headquarters Commissioner for Training (Guides)
West Bengal

Bharat Scouts and Guides—Madras State

Dame Leslie Whateley, Director of the world Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts will be in Madras from 26th November to 1st December 1955

A Programme of the Director's visit to Madras is given below.

20 Scouts and 20 Guides from St. Thomas' Mount will present the Posse of Welcome to the Director on her arrival at the Air-Port on 26th November at 5-10 p m. All the Officers and others who would like to meet the Director may be present at the Air-Port. The same night there will be a joint Dinner at the State Headquarters for which all members who would like to take part will subscribe Rs. 1-8-0 per head. Guest charge will be Rs. 2/- per head Tickets will be available at the State Headquarters from 1st of November 1955. Commissioners are requested to give in the total number for dinner before the 20th of November.

Miss G. R. Samuel, Headquarters Commissioner for Training will be in charge of the Camp-fire which will follow the Dinner

On 27th morning, the Director will be at Mahabalipuram at 9 30. The District Commissioners, Scouts and Guides, Chingleput District will arrange to meet the Director with their Scouts and Guides at Mahabalipuram (Guides optional if it is inconvenient).

The Guides of Chingleput can meet the Director at 10 a m. when she passes Chingleput on her way to Pondicherry. The District Commissioners, Scouts and Guides of Chingleput will arrange for a Rally at Chingleput on 28th November from 9-30 to 10-30 a.m. to meet the Director. The above Commissioners are requested to inform the Headquarters, a detailed programme of the two days' events before 5th of November.

The Rally of Madras City Scouts and Guides to be held at 4-45 p. m at the Presidency College Grounds will be in charge of Miss G. R. Samuel, Headquarters Commissioner (Guides) and Mr. T. R. Kothandaram Mudaliar, Assistant State Commissioner (Scouts).

The concerned Commissioners are requested to prepare their units for the visit of the Director on 29th morning from 9 to 10 and p. m (Ref.) programme enclosed-

The Director will leave Madras on the 1st of December at 7-00 a. m. when the Scouts and Guides from St. Thomas' Mount will present the farewell Officers are requested to be present at the Air-Port.

Guides, Scouts, Guiders and Scouters will present themselves for all functions, neat and smart in correct uniform.

We hope that all Commissioners will extend their full co-operation to make the World Director's visit to Madras a great success--

M. CLUBWALA JADHAV
State Commissioner (Guides)
N. D SUNDARAVADIVELU
State Commissioner (Scouts)

K VENKATASWAMI NAIDU
State Chief Commissioner
V S. RATNASABAPATHY
State Secretary

ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE OF THE SOUTH INDIA BOYS' WORK LEADERS' FELLOWSHIP

TIRUPATTUR 17th 19th Oct. 1955

Under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A. Boys' Division, 30 delegates representing Y.M.C.A. Secretaries, Sunday School teachers, Headmistress, A.C.C. Leaders. Scouters etc, were present at the Y.M.CA, Tirupattur (North Arcot) for a three days' Conference;

Mr. M. Ram Mohan, Asst State Organising Commissioner, represented the State Headquarters.

The general theme of the Conference was "How to train a Boy for National Service".

The Conference discussed the following topics.

1. Leadership in character Training Activities.
2. The place of Religion in Boy's work.
3. The place of Patriotism in the School curriculam.
4. The place of Scouting for National Service.

The important sphere of Scout Activities in the various programmes at Schools was explained by the Assistant Organising Commissioner.

The Bharat Scouts and Guides, Madras State

Visit of Dame Leslie Whateley, Director of World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, to Madras State

PROGRAMME

26-11-55—Saturday:

5-10	P.M.	Arrival at Airport—Meenambakkam Posse of welcome by Scouts and Guides.
7-30	P.M.	Dinner at Wenlock Park and in case of inclement weather at Lady Willingdon Training College Hall.
8-30	P.M.	**Camp-fire** 1. Opening of Camp-fire (Scouts will prepare the fire) 2. Welcome song by Guide Commissioners. 3. Yogasanas by Buddha Scout Group. 4. Deepam Song by Corporation Guides. 5. Taps and Jana Gana Mana.

27-11-55—Sunday.

8-00	A.M.	Leave Raj Bhavan for Pondicherry.
9-30	A.M.	Reach Mahabalipuram—(Chingleput, Scouts and Guides meet the Director)
10-00	A.M.	Leave Mahabalipuram via Chingleput for Pondicherry.
12-30	Noon	Lunch with Mr Kewal Singh, Chief Commissioner of Pondicherry.

28-11-55- Monday:

7-30	A.M.	Leave Pondicherry for Chingleput.
9-30	A.M.	Arrival at Chingleput.
9 30 to 10-30	A.M.	Meet Scouts and Guides at a Rally at Chingleput.
10 30	A M	Leave Chingleput for Madras.
12-30	Noon	Lunch Afternoon Rest.
8-30	P.M.	Dinner

29-11 55 – Tuesday:

9 to 10	A. M	Visit to Units. 1. Shivaji Scout and Guide Group, "Shivner", 12, Mosque Street, Mylapore 2. Guides of Central Madras, Monahan Girls School, Royapettah 3. Corporation Bulbul Flock at St Christopher's Tg. College.
10-30	A.M.	A short programme of a Bulbul Revel at St. Christopher's Training College
11-15	A.M.	Meet Guide Commissioners at St. Christopher's Training College.
12-30	Noon	Lunch
2-00	P M.	Visit West Madras Guide Group.
2-30	P.M.	Leave for Raj Bhavan
4-30 to 5-30	P.M.	Tea
5-45	P.M.	Meet State Chief Commissioner and Executive Committee.
8-15	P.M.	Dinner

30-11-55—Wednesday:

8-00	A.M.	Visit Kalakshetra
9-30	A.M.	Visit Public Health Unit at Poonamallee.
10 to 10-30	A M.	Opening of Scout Group in Blind School at Poonamallee.
12-30	Noon	Lunch.
1-30 to 4-00	A.M.	Rest
4-00	P M.	Tea
4-45 to 6 30	P.M.	Rally—Presidency College Grounds and in case of inclement weather at University Examination Hall.
7-00	P.M.	Refreshments.

1-12-55—Thursday:

7-00	A.M.	Departure from Air-port, Meenambakkam-Posse of farewell by Scouts and Guides.

MESSAGE OF THE HIMALAYAS

Prime Minister Nehru has expressed his love for mountains, especially the Himalayas.

In a foreword to a Bengali book entitled "Devatama Himalay" (Divine Himalayas) written by Mr. Probodh Kumar Sanyal, a leading Bengali writer, Mr. Nehru says 'I like mountains wherever they might be. But, the Himalayas have exercised a peculiar fascination on me. They are not only physically present in India, dominating the vast Indian plain, but, for every Indian they convey a deeper message. They have been entwined in the life of our race from the dawn of history and have not only affected our politics but have been an intimate part of the art and literature, mythology and religion of our people. I suppose nowhere else in the world have any mountains or mountain ranges played such an important part in the development of a race as the Himalayas have done in India for thousands of years."

The Prime Minister in his foreword written in English welcomed writings about "these great and ancient friends and protectors of ours. More particularly, I welcome the approach of anyone who feels intimate and friendly with them and not that of a mere geographer. There is beauty there and poetry and both fierceness and calm of spirit. It is only those who can put themselves in tune with these varying moods that can appreciate the Himalayas."

Mr. Nehru wrote he envied the many journeys to the Himalayas by the author who had "evidently been very much in tune with these great friends and companions of ours".

HIMALAYAS

I love the rushing waters and the nodding forests of Canada; but I have been more awed by the depths and heights of the Himalayas and by the grandeur of those eternal snows lifting their peaked heads high above the world, never defiled by the foot of man, but reaching of all things worldly the nearest to the Heavens.

BADEN-POWELL

IN ROVERING TO SUCCESS.

THE SOUTH MADRAS BHARAT SCOUTS & GUIDES

Of all the celebrations, that of the National Scout and Guide Week awaken the strongest and most heartfelt Associations The Scout and Guide Groups celebrated the week from 1-11-55 to 7-11-55 with great fervour. The Prathaps. The Subramanyas and the Gadadhars drew up very nice programmes and the invitees to the function included Sri T. S. Ramaswamy Iyer, Ez. Mayor, Sri C. N. Vaideeswaran and Sri S. C. Kibble, A Director of Exchange Programmes, U.S.I.S. The District commemorated the week by conducting grand rally on 6-11-55 at the P. S High School, Mylapore. Hon'ble Mr. Justice P Govinda Menon presided on the occasion. Sri H. Ramanathan, District Commissioner (S) was the Officer in charge the Rally. Over 400 Scouts and Guides were present on the occasion. Srimathi Rajam Ramaswamy, Vice Pre ident of the District Association welcomed the President. The President reviewed the Units and inspected the Suspension Bridge constructed by the Subrahmanyas and the fret work and plastic models made by the Prathaps. The President distributed Warrants of appointments to Mrs. D. C. Davidar, District Commissioner (Guides), Sri V. G. G. Sarma, Asst District Commissioner (S) Sri T. V. Krishnaswamy, D R. S. L.. Sri K. Rajagopalan, D.S.M. and Sri R. Sankaran, D C.M. Mr. Govinda Menon observed that the Scouts and Guides impressed him very much. He referred to the notable part played by Dr Annie Besant, Sri V. K. Krishna Menon and Sri Sanjeeva Kamath. He commended the activities of the Scouts and Guides all over the globe in spreading cheer and in promoting the welfare of the Community. Sri H. Ramanathan, D. C. (S) proposed a vote of thanks.

Minutes of the Periodical Conference on Scouts

Held on 4-10-1955

The Periodical Conference on Scouts was held on 4-10-1955 at 3 p. m. in the room of the Minister for Finance and Education in the Secretariat. The following were present:

1. Sri C. Subramaniam, Minister for Finance and Education (CHAIRMAN)
2. Sri K Venkataswami Naidu, State Chief Commissioner
3. Mrs. M. Clubwala Jadhav, State Commissioner (Guides).
4. Sri N. D. Sundaravadivelu, Director of Public Instruction and State Commissioner (Scouts).
5. Sri V. S. Ratnasabapathy, State Secretary.

Sri V. Kannaiyan, Assistant Secretary to Government, Health, Education & Local Administration Department, was also present.

The first item on the Agenda, viz, "Report of the State Secretary for the year 1954-55" was taken up for discussion.

The State Secretary narrated briefly the progress made during the year 1954-55 and said that the Youth Camps for Scouts and Guides organised by the Bharat Scouts and Guides in Malabar and Chingleput Districts during the year proved a great success. In reply to a query made by the Minister for Finance and Education, the State Secretary said that the present strength of Scouts and Guides are 40,750 and 9,415 respectively. The State Secretary said that they were able to tide over their financial difficulty last year, even though they had a small deficit of Rs. 2000/- by a temporary loan from the Provident Fund accumulations. The Hon'ble Minister suggested that such a course should be avoided in future.

Mrs. Clubwala Jadhav desired that the Union Government might also be approached for financial assistance for Scouting and Guiding.

The Director of Public Instruction said that in 1953, the Government of India were approached but their request was, however, turned down He expressed the hope that we might try again, if in the Second Five Year Plan some amount be set apart for Scout activities

The Director of Public Instruction also said that it would be a good thing, if the duration of the Rural Service Camps could be reduced to 15 days This view was also favoured by the State Chief Commissioner.

After some discussion, it was resolved to recommend that the minimum duration of the Rural Service Camps may be 2 weeks.

The Conference also accepted the suggestion of Mrs Clubwala Jadhav that more camps might be run for the Girl Guides also.

Item 2: The modification of G. O. No. 496 Edn. dated 10-3-1952 to enable the teachers who are prospective Scouters and Guiders to be deputed on duty in addition to Warranted Scouters and Guiders attending to Scout activities, meetings, conferences, Rallies etc.,

The Director said that, as per the Government Order No 496 Edn. dated 10-3-1952, the case of teachers, who are Warranted Scouters of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, the days spent by such teachers in attending to Scout meetings, conferences, rallies etc. organised by the local District, Divisional and State Associations, including the days, if any, spent in transit for the purpose, shall be treated as duty. The present proposal he said, was to extend the above concession to other teachars also, who may be non-Warranted Scouters and Guiders.

The Minister for Finance and Education said that this can be permitted but the Managements alone should depute such teachers in this regard.

After some discussion, the Conference resolved to extend the above concession to the Non-Warranted teachers also, who are prospective Scouters and Guiders, provided they were deputed for attending to Scout training and Activities by the managements themselves

Item 3: To reduce one hour a week to Teachers doing Scout Work from the School working hours as compensation for the Scout work done after school hours by the Teacher Scouter :

The Director told the Conference that, at present no concession in working hours was shown to teachers doing Scout work, unlike those doing NCC work.

The Minister for Education and Finance said that it was quite necessary to show some encouragement to the teachers doing Scout work, as it would have a good effect on them and they would tend to do more efficient service.

After some discussion, it was resolved to allow Scouters and Guiders actually doing Scout/Guide work to count one hour a week, towards the minimum working hours required of them, as a kind of encouragement for the Scout/Guide work done, after school hours, by them.

Item 3: NCC—Recruitment to be made from Second Class Scouts and that the Auxiliary Cadet Corps should not replace Scouting and Guiding. National Cadet Corps should not take away trained Scouters as N. C. C. Officers nor should one be permitted to take up more than one office.

The State Secretary said that, at present, there was competition between Auxiliary Cadet Corps and Scouting and if auxiliary cadet corps was introduced in all schools, it would retard the progress of Scout activities.

The Minister for Finance and Education said that each had its own attractions and that one activity should not overlap the other. As both National Cadet Corps and Auxiliary Cadet Corps can take in only a limited number of students, it should be possible to recruit enough Scouts from other students. He also said that the students should take either Auxiliary Cadet Corps or Scouting and should not be encouraged to take both.

The Minister for Finance and Education was not in favour of confining the recruitment to National Cadet Corps to II class Scouts only.

It was resolved that the students should choose either Auxiliary Cadet Corps or Scouting and they should not be allowed to join both the activities.

Regarding the point 'that NCC should not take away trained Scouters as NCC Officers nor should one be permitted to take up more than one Office', the Director told the Conference that the NCC officers were paid some allowance for their work and so they could not prevent trained Scouters being taken as NCC Officers. He; however, agreed that no teacher should be allowed to do both the work and trained Scouters could take up either NCC or Scout work.

The Conference resolved to recommend that no teacher should be allowed to do beth the N. C. C. and Scouting work and that even Scouting and A. C C.need not be handled by a single teacher.

Item 4: Three Camping sites to be fixed up in three Centres in the State, such as (i) Coonoor Stanley Park Training Centre for Western Districts, (ii) Mathurai for Southern Districts and (iii) Madras for Central Districts.

The Conference considered the proposals for camp sites and made the following recommendations :—

1. The Conference felt there was need for at least 10 acres of land for each camp site.

2 The camp site may, as far as possible, be situated in a place, offering scope for adventure to children. The place should be lovely with picturesque surroundings.

3. The camp site should be situated as far as possible, very near an inhabited locality.

4 The camping centre should have the necessary equipment, viz., tents, utensils etc.

As regards the Coonoor Stanley Park Camp and Training Centre, it was recommended that steps might be taken to improve the camping centre and an estimate submitted to the Director of Public Instruction for approval

As regards Madras, the State Secretary has suggested 3 camp sites for consideration. The Conference resolved to recommend that the site in the Raj Bhavan, Guindy, adjoining Velacheri, might be considered as a suitable one, and that the Governor of Madras might be approached in this regard.

It was decided that places like Tirukalikunram, Courtallam, Pamban may be considered for the location of camp sites.

The Conference also recommended that steps should be taken to have a scheme for 6 camp sites in all, spread over 2 years.

Item 6: Government Grant—an enhanced grant for the State Association for the year 1955-1956.

The State Secretary said that the grant of Rs. 20,000/- given by the Government was inadequate and pleaded for more amount being sanctioned by Government.

After some discussion, it was decided that the State Association might submit concrete proposals to the Director of Public Instruction for grant for the expansion of Scout activities in the State

Item 7: District Organisers under District Boards and to start with Chingleput, Coimbatore and Madurai to be taken up.

The State Secretary said that each District Board may have to incur an expenditure of Rs. 150/- per mensem (Rs. 100 towards pay and Rs. 50/- towards T A.) for employing a District Organiser.

The Director suggested that the District Organisers may be appointed by the District Boards themselves instead of the appointments being made by the State Association.

The Conference recommended that the Government might issue a G O. permitting all the District Boards to employ a full-time officer to organise Scout Activities in the educational institutions under the District Boards, and to meet the expenditure connected therewith.

Item 8: To issue a G. O. permitting Local Bodies to make small contributions to the State Association on the same basis as permitted for the Red Cross Society ;

The Conference recommended that the Government might issue G. O. permitting each Panchayat to contribute not more than Rs. 50/- and Municipalities and District Boards, not more than Rs. 100/- to the State Association, irrespective of the fact whether its Budget is in surplus or in deficit.

Item 9: Improvement at the State Headquarters Swimming pool and 2 bath-roems etc sanctioned—A youth hostel or a guest house to accommodate 8 officers or 24 Scouts to be constructed at the State Headquarters :

The Conference recommended that the State Association might send to Government through the Director of Public Instruction a plan and estimate for the construction of a Guest House to accommodate officers.

Item 10: Special grant from the Government for Mahamagam Service by Scouts and Guides in February 1956 at Kumbakonam

The Conference requested the State Secretary, Bharat Scouts and Guides, to submit a proposal to the Director of Public Instruction, in this regard.

DISTRICTS AT WORK

CHIDAMBARAM LOCAL ASSOCIATION

THE second anniversary of the Association was celebrated on Thursday, the 13th October 1955 at 6-30 P. M in the Sri Arumuga Navalar High School Hall Sri N. D. Sundaravadivelu, Director of Public Instruction and State Commissioner Bharat Scouts and Guides, Madras State, presided over the function and delivered the address.

After prayer Sri S. Ramaswamy Aiyanger, B.A., B.T., the Assistant District Commissioner welcomed the State Commissioner, the President of the day and all other guests. In the course of his welcome address the Assistant District Commissioner pointed out how the local Scout organisation was rendering invaluable service inspite of the A C.C., N.C C , etc which, though of recent origin, have been able to attract the student population by concessions and facilities afforded by them.

Then Sri P R. Gurumurthy, M A , B.T., the Secretary of the local association read the Annual Report of the association for the year 1954-55.

This was followed by some select demonsrations by the Scouts of R. C T Hight School, Annamalai Nagar and Sri Arumuga Navalar High School, Chidambaram.

Then the President, in the course of his stimulating address the appealed to the teachers, heads of institutions and the public to extend their active support to the international Scout movement which rightly and justly deserved in full measure the willing encouragement of one and all. He further pointed out how the holding of Camps at frequent intervals promoted unity in diversity, an aptitude for a selfless service to the humanity at stage, a feeling of oneness inspite of many differences and proper understanding. In conclusion he pointed out how the scout movement gave excellent training to the younger generation who, as the future citizens of Bharat will have to shoulder heavy and onerous responsibilities.

Sri S. Thiruvengada Nainar, B.A., L.T., Scouter Pachiappa's High School, Chidambaram proposed a vote of thanks.

With the singing of the National Anthem the function came to a close.

BHARAT SCOUTS AND GUIDES LOCAL SCOUT ASSOCIATION, PUDUKOTTAI

The annual General Body meeting of our Association was held at 6-00 P.M. on 17-10-55 in the premises of the T. E L. C. High School, Pudukottai. Sri A. D. M. Prakasam B A., L. T., Assistant District Commissioner, presided, About 35 members were present. After the reading and adoption of the Annual report and statement of accounts, the Office-bearers were elected for the year 1955-56.

Later, Sri J. I. Muthiah, the State Organising Commissioner who is on a tour of the districts addressed the members on the importance of the Patrol System, Wood craft methods in Scouting.

With a vote of thanks proposed by the Joint Secretary, Sri P. Subramanian, the meeting came to a close.

STATE SCOUT COMMISSIONER AT MADURAI

Sri N. D. Sundaravadivelu, Director of Public Instruction and State Scouts Commissioner, Madras visited the Patrol Leaders Training Camp at Tiruparankunram this morning. He was accompanied by the Divisional Inspector of Schools and the District Educational Officer, Madurai On arrival at the camp, Sri J. D Asirvatham, Camp Officer received the guests and took them round the camp. After introduction by Dr. K. G. Ramabadran, District Scout Commissioner, Sri Sundaravadiveln spoke to the Scouts on the essentials of good cisilzenship that is sought to be inculcatedt hrough Scout Training. He exhotred the young boys to cultivate habits of cleanliness and consideration for others, and by leading an examplary life, to contribute to the number of worthy leaders of the nation and the world. Sri C. N. Sethuraman, Assistant Scout Secretary proposed a vote of thanks.

K. L N. KRISHNAN.
Honorary Secretary

PARENTS ARE EDUCATORS

THE Scouter is only one of a number of people interested in the right up-bringing of the Scout. Of these the most inportant in fact, all-inportant—are the parents. Yet there are Scouters who take little or no trouble to get to know the parents of their Scouts or to gain their goodwill and active co-operation. This not only shows a lack of common courtesy but it is astonishingly short-sighted. With the parents on his side the Scouter has a far easier task; he has allies who will keep the boy up to scratch, and who will encourage him to make progress along the Scout trail. They will be pleased when he passes a test or qualifies for a badge; they will urge him to attend regularly and to take a full part in the programme of activies; he will have less trouble about paying his dues, of getting his uniform and keeping it spick-and-span in short, Mum and Dad can make all the difference between a half-hearted Scout and an enthusiastic one.

Parent—Scouter—Scout alliance

The first step is for the Scouter to get to know the parents and win thier friendship; through him they will have a better idea of what Scouting is all about, and they can talk to him about their boy and put him wise on his disposition and character. The Scouter, in his turn, will appreciate the home conditions; these can often explain small difficulties that otherwise might be blamed on the boy himself.

The effect on the Scout-Scouter relationship is also most important. The boy will think of the Scouter as a friend of the family, and that knocks off a lot of the feeling of strangeness that can last quite a time between Scout and Scouter. The Scouter becomes as it were "one of us"-he is accepted as part of the family pattern.

This personal relationship is fundamental, but it needs to go further than that; it is the foundation and it is necessary to build up a consolidated Parent-Scouter-Scout alliance.

America and Canada example.

In the United States of America and in Canada much thought has been given to this matter, and the experience gained in those countries is worth consideration, and, where applicable, of adoption. The notes that follow are largely based on this experience.

The link between parents and Scouting is particularly strong in Cub Scouting in the U. S. A., and the programme of that section is tied in with the family life. The mother is encouraged to be very actively concerned with how her young son progresses, and there is the closest co-operation between her and the Den Mother. This is the natural line to take at this age, but as the boy gets to Boy Scout stage, a rather broader association is necessary. This is where Dad enters the picture more frequently.

Parents should, of course, be represented on the local Scout Committees so that they can take a personal interest in the welfare of the Troop. Some of them can be of great help with hobbies and as instructors for badges and special skills, as well as acting as examiners in subjects that appeal to them.

The American and Canadian programmes include some formal meetings of parents and Scouts. Such occasions not only serve the main purpose-linking family and Troop and keeping parents informed but they are in themselves a useful training for the Scout in the courtesies of entertaining guests.

An American suggestion is that there should be two such meetings in the year: one might be an outdoor picnic with games (in which parents can join), demonstrations of outdoor skills, etc., the whole affair, including the "eats", being run by the Scouts. A September meeting indoors marks the opening of a new Scout year. This should be an exhibition of snapshots of camps and expeditions, camping equipment, nature collections, log books, and indeed anything that can help the parents to picture the meaning of practical Scouting. This might be an opportunity for making special presentations and awards. Then might follow the showing of a Scout film-perhaps of the Troop in camp, or a Jamboree record. The next item is most important : this would be a preview, as it were, of the coming year's programme as worked out in the Court of Honour or Patrol Leaders' Council. This gives the parents an idea of what lies ahead ; it not only interests them as telling them what their boys will be doing, but it helps them to plan their own programme of holidays.

Refreshments will follow this description of the coming twelve months; this should be an opportunity for the members of the Committee and the Scouters to move around and chat with the parents. They might follow an opportunity for questions. Some mothers of young Scouts may be a little worried about health in camp, or about diets, and other matters that concern them. This is a chance to set their minds at rest.

The above is only a working; it can be modified or extended, and must, of course, be adapted to local conditions.

Many Scout Groups in Canada have annual Father and-Son Banquets on the 22nd February, the Founder 's birthday, or on the anniversary of the formation of the Group. This is organised primarily by the Committee, and is a carefully planned evening occasion carried out with due formality. The official guests should include representatives of the Church or other sponsoring authority, and the headmasters and headmistresses of the boys' schools.

The above note is taken from "World Scouting" of September 1955. The idea that the parents both, mother and father should be closely associated with Scouting and Guiding is not only sufficiently realised but actively worked out in practice in groups in Canada and America. In fact the parents are the real educators and therefore they should be made to take an intelligent interest in the working of the groups' so that what is done in group work may not be lost in the homes. Home therefore is the centre of training and education. This should be greatly exploited to the best advantage of the Cubs and Bulbuls, the two sections where the foundation for character training is laid, and it should be laid truly and well. We do not know how many of our groups are working out this idea. Success depends very much upon this work. We therefore lay emphasis on this aspect of our work if we must go forward in getting good results.

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"TILAK TROOP"—NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL MANNARGUDI EAST TANJORE DISTRICT

The Tilak Scout troop of the National High School, Mannargudi held its annual camp for Scout Training and Rural Community Service for 5 days from 15th October October 1955 at the village of Koradacheri 13 miles north east of Mannargudi. Sri G. S. Krishnamurti Ayyar, B. Sc., B. L. District Munsif, Tanjore inaugurated the camp Sri A. V. Tyagaraja Sastrigal, Headmaster welcomed the gathering.

The villagers showed keen interest in the work of the Scouts. When the Scouts went out in procession they were given a warn reception at the Gandhi Park by the Public. Mr. M. D. Tyagaraja Pillai, M.L.A , President District Congress Committee, and Mr. Venkatachala Konar, Panchayat Board President welcomed the Scouts and Scouters.

Inspite of heavy rain, the Visitors' Day was conducted on 18 10-55 and there was a large gathering. Mr. H. Krishnamurti, Assistant District Commissioner for Scouts, Tanjore presided. He spoke about Scouting and the Five Year Plan. The public was entertained with Music, Dancing, Folk Songs, Physical Demonstrations, Kollattam, Fire Dive etc.

Sri J. S. Nesayya, District Commissioner for Scouts paid a visit and appreciated the work of the Scouts. Messages wishing the function success were received from His Excellency the Governor of Madras, Holy Mother Aurobindo Ashram, Sri Bhaktavatsalam Minister for Agriculture, Sri N. D. Sundaravadivelu, Director of Public Instruction and others.

Mr. G Srinivasan of Koradacheri, rendered valuable help to run the camp successfully.

THE BHARAT SCOUTS & GUIDES, MADURAI

In connection with the National Scout and Guide Week celebrations, a Route March of Scouts and Guides was got up last evening 6-11-55 by the Madurai District Association. The celebrations started with an inaugural function at the Madura College High School at which Mrs. S. Eddy, Dictrict Commissioner (Guides) unfurled the Flag and Dr. Ramabadran, District Commissioner (Scouts) spoke. The Route March led by Sri J. D. Asirvatham, Assistant District Commissioner (General) passed through the main streets of the city and cheered by crowds of public all the way. The Seout Band and Colour Party of the Sethupathi High School was in attendance.

A special parade to mark the Bharat Scouts & Guides Foundation Day was held this morning 7-11-55 in the M.C High School grounds. After Flag Salutation, the Scouts and Guides renewed the Promise led by their District Commissioners and before the decorated portraits of the International and National Founders of the Movement. Dr. Ramabadran the District Scout Commissioner spoke on the significance of the Day and Sri M. Krishnan, B T., narrated some anecdotes from lives of Dr. Besant and Malaviyaji. The District Scout Secretary proposed a vote of thanks. Sri S. Theertham, Assistant Scout Commissioner, Madurai South area had made excellent arrangements on both the days.

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